

But God Is The Judge (Psalm 75:1-10)

God Interrupts Our Rule

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But God is the Judge (Ps 75:1-10)

God interrupts our Rule. Tuesday we will choose a new president. One of the most important issues over the next presidency is the possible appointing of a replacement judge for the supreme court. You can be sure that appointment will affect the direction of the nation in a more lasting way than the person who sits in the oval office for a brief four years. Will the judge be a deconstructionist judge departing from the so called archaic viewpoint of founding father and imposing social acceptability as judicial rulings. Or constitutionalist judges who to the best of their abilities render rulings strictly by the precepts

T. He Overshadows the Pride of Our Rule (Vs 4-5)

The psalmist who starts out talking to God begins to address the prideful people about him and tells

A. The Pride of Rebellious Works (4a-b) - At the very heart of sin is Rebellious toward God. The boastful people do boastful things. In their pride they rebel against their God given conscience and break his law. They lie, steal, murder, blaspheme. Yet

God is the Judge and will bring to justice.

B. The Pride of a Revolting Will (4c-5a) - The word horn here refers to power. An animal power was said to be in their horns. In their willful pride they say not this will

but mine he done. Barns - they attempt to put forth their strength in accomplishment of their evil purposes. This is a rebuke. Don't even try. God is a Judge

C. The Pride of Resistant Words (5b) - They stiffen their neck and direct their angry words toward God! Wasn't that what turned the world of Nebuchadnezzar upside down Da 4:33? It is said that some ancient Kings had a horn on their crown and in order to keep it erect or projecting, they had to hold their neck ^{stiff} in such a way as to look

II. He Oversteps the Promotion of Our Rule. (Vs 6-7) In man's attempt to raise himself up, to ascent to some power or prestige God trumps his attempts, oversteps ^{His will} their plans and does

A. The Oft Mistaken Source of Promotion (Vs 6) Man looks in horizontal steps in order to gain promotion. to Exhault themselves above those around them.

Man's view of promotion is lateral. If he gets in the right school, the right apprenticeship, gets the right job, the right mate, the right connection, the right phrasing. I've been amazed to learn that every word our candidates says is carefully calculated and copyrighted to leave just

B. The Almighty Sovereign of Promotion (Vs 7) Have you ever heard of the guy that climbed the ladder of success only to realize when he got to the top the ladder was on the wrong wall? God is the Judge. (3) 1 Sam 2:7, Luke 1:53

1) ...strictly by the precepts of our nations founding document the constitution? The future is uncertain for the judgeship roles of the Supreme court of the United States. However there is only one Judge that truly matters. A Judge who's power extends far beyond the scope of our legal system; who's ascendancy was from before the dawn of time. A Judge who's term is from everlasting to everlasting; who's judgments are etched in the granite of eternity. A judge who's verdicts upon the unrighteousness are just and forever and who's acquittals are merciful and uncontested. Psalms 75:7 says: "But God is the judge..." We must remember that no matter what happens on Tuesday "God is the judge..." God interrupts man's rule. God performs his own perfect will according to his own perfect plan. Every human being on the topside of this globe must come to the realization that God is and will be their judge. And each and every one of us can understand this by grasping four truths laid out in this text.

2) Daniel 4:30-31 ...Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

3) 1 Samuel 2:7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. Luke 1:52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

1) ...Assyria yields to Babylon, and Babylon to the Medes. Kings are but puppets in his hand; they serve his purpose when they rise and when they fall.

2) A sinful man attempts to do to escape the judgment of God he can not. I read recently about Gary Tindle who was in a California courtroom charged with robbery. He asked and got from Judge Armando Rodriguez permission to go to the bathroom. While the bathroom door was guarded—Mr. Tindle climbed up onto the plumbing and opened a panel in the ceiling. Sure enough, a dropped ceiling with space between. He climbed up—and into the crawlspace—and headed south. He'd gone thirty-some feet when the ceiling panels broke from under him and dropped him to the floor. Right back in Judge Rodriguez's courtroom. Although it did not work for Mr. Tindle many men successfully flee from judgment, but when it comes to the judge of the universe, there's no where to hide.

3) Romans 2:5-6 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

4) Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

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There is a God in heaven, whose judgments are true and right who sets up men and takes down others. Spurgeon said Empires rise and fall at his bidding, A dungeon here and there a throne, his will assigns, Assyria ①

III. He Oversees the Punishment of Our Kule. (Vs 8)

The true fear of a Judge comes from their ability to render punishment. No matter what sinful man ⑤

A. The Floodgate of Punishment (Vs 8a) - This cup in the hand of God is a picture of the righteous wrath of God. This wrath is held solely by the will of the judge. A wrath that could rightfully and justly destroy the universe itself is held in the hand of an angry God as a cup of drink is held in ours. ③

B. The fullness of Punishment (Vs 8b-c) - The language describing this wine of wrath is a boiling wine that is undiluted. The strength of this wrath is undiluted with mercy and forbearance, but the full measure of the wrath of God. Hell, the torments of fire & smoke, the anguish of a lake of fire. ④

C. The focus of Punishment (Vs 8d-f) - The wicked prideful souls that exult themselves against God, those that refuse so great a salvation that is found in Jesus Christ. That reject conviction of the Holy Ghost, They shall drink of the dregs of God righteous wrath!

IV. He Overwhelms the People of His Rule (vs 9-10; 12)

What a horrible vision in vs 8. Yet vs 9 finds psalmist rejoicing. How can he rejoice before such

A. The Relief of His People (vs 9) -- After retracing such fearful dealings of God as Judge, the psalmist takes relief in the fact that he is a part of the Judge's people. This judge is not unknown to him. This Judge has provided a way to escape this wrath he came upon all sinful man. Barnes said "The God who

B. The Righteousness of His People (10b, 2) - Righteousness? Righteous? There is none righteous. No Not one! (Rom 3:10) How can a man claim righteousness? How can he stand before the judge of all and claim righteousness?

Rom 4:3. And what has God revealed? Rom 5:8! The Judge accepted the payment of his son

C. The Rejoicing of His People (1, 9) - That is something to shout about. That is something to celebrate. The Judge of unquenchable power and absolute perfection has passed over your well deserved sentence of destruction because of the blood shed on the cross. Rejoice

IV. Closing - It is a comforting thought to the children on the throne that God directs the way of a nation. In the year that King Uzziah died Isaiah saw the Lord. He is the Judge. Have you ruled your own life?

- 1) ...before such a fearful Judge?
- 2) ...the God whom Jacob worshiped; the God who proved himself to be his Friend, thus showing that He is the Friend of all that trust in Him. This Judge can also be your advocate: 1 John 2:1-2 ...if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.
- 3) Romans 4:3 Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.
- 4) ...of His Son's life as sufficient for your sin. We know this in the fact the God raised him from the dead! And now the only question is: will you receive this payment as yours. John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: